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EPA File No.: 38r-16-R4

Marianne Engelman Lado  
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New York, New York 10005

**Re: Acknowledgment of Receipt of Administrative Correspondence**

Dear Ms. Engelman Lado:

This letter is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Civil Rights (OCR), received your email correspondence on Friday, August 19, 2016, alleging that the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) violated Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and EPA's nondiscrimination regulations found at 40 C.F.R. Part 7. This correspondence alleges retaliation related to open EPA file number 12R-13-R4.

The OCR is responsible for processing and resolving complaints alleging discrimination by programs or activities that receive financial assistance from the EPA. OCR will review your correspondence in light of EPA's nondiscrimination regulation to determine whether it is a complaint that falls within OCR's jurisdiction. Once this jurisdictional review is completed, the OCR will notify you as to whether it will accept your complaint for investigation or reject, or refer the complaint to another Federal agency.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Case Manager Brittany Martinez, at (202) 564-0727, or by e-mail at [martinez.brittany@epa.gov](mailto:martinez.brittany@epa.gov), or U.S. mail at U.S. EPA, Office of Civil Rights (Mail Code 1201A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20460-1000, or me at (202) 564-9649, or by e-mail at [dorka.lilian@epa.gov](mailto:dorka.lilian@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lilian S. Dorka", is positioned above the typed name.

Lilian S. Dorka  
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Office of Civil Rights

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Associate General Counsel  
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Kenneth Lapierre  
Assistant Regional Administrator  
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